Exact projections of indigenous production and consumption of fertilizers for the year 1992-93 have not been made. Consumption of fertilizers also depends on monsoon conditions which cannot be predicted much in advance. However, it is expected that the overall gap in 1992-93 might be somewhat higher than for the year 1991-92, given the rising trend in consumption from year to year. It is not possible, at this stage, to give details of import for the year 1992-93 as the actual imports would depend on a variety of factors such as the consumption of fertilizers in 1991-92 and the opening stock of the materials at the commencement of the year 1992-93.

Import of fertilizers is generally financed by free foreign exchange, rupee payment trade aid, credit facilities etc., available from different sources.

Hike in the price of drugs after devaluation

*112. SHRIMATI PRATIBHA SINGH:

CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1582 given in Rajya Sabha on 12th September, 1991 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that hike in the price of drugs on account of devaluation was only 23 per cent;

(b) if so, what was the price increase allowed due to devaluation on Parachloro Meta Xylenol, Iodochlorohydroxyquinoline, Framycetin Sulphate, Chloroquin Phosphate, Ibuprofen Chloroquin Sulphate, Chlorohexidine Digluconate, Cloxacillin Sodium, Levamisole, Cetrimide, Terbutaline Sulphate, Dexamethasone Pure, Sulphadiazine, Oxytocin and Dexamethasone Sulphate;

(c) what was the earlier price and increased price of each drug and what is the percentage of increase in each case; and

(d) what are the CIF prices of import of inputs actually made after July 1991 and what is the quantity of each input actually imported by the major producers of each drug?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) The hike in price of a bulk drug depends on the quantity of imported raw materials used for its production, and exchange rate of rupee against foreign currencies at the time of each revision.

(b) and (c) The previous price, revised price and the percentage increase in the bulk drugs mentioned in part (b) of the question are given in the statement (*See.* below).

(d) The import of inputs, their c.i.f. prices, quantity actually imported by individual producers etc. are not monitored by this Ministry except where it is required under Import-Export Policy.

Statement

Sl.No.	Name of the bulk drug	Unit	Previous price (Rs.)	Revised price (Rs.)	% increase
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Parachloro Meta Xylenol . . .	Kg.	221·00	293·00	32·58
2	Iodotblorohydroxyquinoline . . .	Kg.	309·00	397·00	28·48
3	Framycetin Sulphate	Kg.	10512·00	13355·00	27·05
4	Chloroquine Phosphate	Kg.	950·00	1171·00	23·26
5	Chloroquine Sulphate	Kg.	1180·00	1461·00	24·07

1	2	3	4	5	6
6	Ibuprofen	Kg	450·00	521·00	15·78
7	Chlorhexidine Digluconate	Kg	681·00	940·00	38·03
8	Cloxacillin Sodium	Kg	2048·00	2597·00	26·81
9	Levamisole	Kg	2369·00	2996·00	13·80
10	Cetrimide	Kg	137·23	183·00	33·35
11	Terbutaline Sulphate	Kg	23441·00	32158·00	37·19
12	Dexamethasone Pure	Gm	92·00	135·33	47·10
13	Sulphadiazine	Kg	461·00	607·00	31·67
14	Oxytocin	Kg	5707·00	7471·00	30·91
15	Dexamethasone Phosphate	Gm	97·00	132·95	37·06

Proposal for manufacturing of Cars

*113. SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal pending for permission to manufacture fuel efficient, low cost and less polluting cars and another model of battery operated car; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. J. KURIEN): (a) Yes, Sir. In May 1990, Dr. C. Nachiappan, Salem (TN) submitted an application for grant of industrial licence for manufacture of 4-wheeler vehicles powered by 350 cc diesel engine.

(b) The proposal was prima-facie rejected in July 1990. The applicant has made a representation which will be considered on merits in terms of the industrial policy.

Cable T.V. network

*114. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to refer to Unstarred Question 602 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 1st January, 1991 and state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the danger of even rising cable T.V. network in the country; and

(b) if so, what steps Government are taking to contain the danger?

THE DEPUTY MINSTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) and (b) Government had set up an Inter-Departmental Committee to study the various aspects of Cable TV Networks and Dish-Antennae Systems in the country, the Report of the Committee is under consideration of the Government.